



INFORMATION BULLETIN
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Vending Machine Thefts and Vandalism

The Long Beach Police Department wants you to be aware of a series of thefts and vandalisms that have been occurring in your area parks during the past three months. El Dorado Park, Recreation Park, Stearns Park and Heartwell Park have all been impacted by these incidents.

During the months of July, August and September, numerous Coca Cola vending machines were been broken into. The suspect(s) are cutting the hinges or prying open the vending machine doors to gain entry. No suspects have been seen. The loss includes money and sodas.

The Long Beach Police Department's Burglary Detail is asking for your assistance in stopping these thefts. Law enforcement officers can't be everywhere at once – but you and your neighbors can. Put that neighborhood "know how" to work. The following tips could help in preventing further thefts:

- Report suspicious activities.
- Use sensor lighting in dark areas.
- Empty coin boxes on a regular basis.
- Install video monitoring equipment.

If you have any questions, leads or clues regarding the suspect(s) in these thefts, please contact Detective Jennifer Valenzuela or Sergeant Steve Laing, Long Beach Police Department's Burglary Detail (562) 570-7351. If you have an emergency or you witness a crime in progress, please call 9-1-1. For additional information regarding crime prevention topics, please contact the Community Relations Division at (562) 570-7215.

